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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/644,689	Applicant(s) ROSE ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 October 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 13-20, 22, 23, 25-30, 33-38, 40-47 and 50-57 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 13-20, 22, 23, 25-30, 33-38, 40-47 and 50-57 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/29/09 has been entered. Claims 1, 3, 5-10, 13, 22, 23, 25-27, 29, 30, 33-37, 40-44, 46, 47 and 50-57 have been amended. Claims 1-10, 13-20, 22, 23, 25-30, 33-38, 40-47 and 50-57 are pending.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, filed 10/29/09, with respect to 35 USC 103(a) rejections of claims 1-57 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of claims 1-57 under 35 USC 103(a) has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration claims 1-10, 13-20, 22, 23, 25-30, 33-38, 40-47 and 50-57 are rejected under 35 USC 101.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 1-10, 13-20, 22, 23, 25-30, 33-38, 40-47 and 50-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1 recites a method for efficiently generating a key stream. The claimed method is not tied to a particular machine or apparatus and does not transform underlying subject matter to a different state of thing and therefore directed to a non- statutory subject matter. Claim 2-10,

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13-20, 22, 23, 25, 26 and 55 depend from claim 1 and therefore are rejected under the same rationale.

Claims 27-30, 33-36, 44-47, 50-54 and 56 are directed to an apparatus for generating a key stream. The examiner respectfully asserts that the claimed subject matter does not fall within the statutory classes listed in 35 USC 101. It is understood by the examiner that the claims can be implemented through software and therefore, the recited claims are directed to functional descriptive material. Claims 27-30, 33-36 and 56 are rejected as being directed to a functional descriptive material.

Claims 37, 38, 40-43 and 57 are directed to a machine readable medium. The examiner respectfully asserts that the claimed subject matter does not fall within the statutory class listed in 35 USC 101. It is understood by the examiner that the claimed medium can be directed to a data signal. A signal does not fall within one of the four statutory classes of 101. Claims 37, 38, 40-43 and 57 are rejected as being directed to electronic signals.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BEEMNET W. DADA whose telephone number is (571)272-3847. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (9:00 am - 5:30 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Y. Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Beemnet W Dada/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2435
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